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Table 2, Page 1, Economic Intelligence Statistical Handbook, CIA/RA-12 R2

1. It is requested that in lieu of repeating the format of referenced table in the handbook now in the process of revision, the presentation be restricted to the following:

Table 2

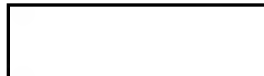
Distributive Shares of Gross National Product^{a/} in the USSR, 1953

	<u>Percent of Total</u>
Consumption	61-63
Investment	25-27
Defense	10-12
Administration	2

a/ The percentages in this table are based on adjusted value added which equals GNP at market prices plus subsidies minus indirect taxes. The ranges which attach to the underlying estimates prevent a more precise statement of the distribution of final product among the end uses.

2. The above restricted presentation is suggested to present the range of our uncertainty, to obviate any possible confusion that might be instilled in the consumer should minor procedural corrections be made and to discourage the unwary from attempting to make judgements based on magnitudes which are not significant in that they fall within the range of error.

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Project 00.2103, Economic Intelligence Statistical Handbook

1. Attached are the completed work sheets and Estimate File cards.
2. We do not have adequate information to check, or add to, those entries for Western production of land armaments.
3. We believe that the table of Soviet military-economic expenditures should be limited to the years 1957-58 and, as originally proposed, should include the announced Soviet budget for Defense for comparison. The reasons for limiting the presentation to the two years specified are as follows. First, we are reluctant to circulate more extensive results without suitable explanatory material. Second, the projections (1959-63) are most subject to change. Third, without the projections and the explanatory material, a misleading impression of the direction of these Soviet expenditures might be given.

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